

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Housing Development Consortium (HDC), a nonprofit housing alliance that has celebrated its 30th anniversary.

The HDC was founded in 1988 as an alliance of local housing authorities and advocacy groups with a simple mission: to make King County a better place to live for everyone, regardless of their income or race. What began as a small collection of local groups has expanded over the past three decades to encompass over one hundred and sixty organizations across the county.

Though united in vision, the member organizations of the HDC span a variety of industries impacted by housing challenges including financial institutions, building contractors, law firms, and government agencies. All member organizations under the HDC's umbrella strive to reduce homelessness and provide affordable housing for low-income families. As living costs in King County continue to increase, the HDC has secured funding to keep housing affordable for 116,000 tenants and people who are at risk for homelessness. The HDC has lived up to its mission of working to ensure that all people live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes surrounded by communities of opportunity.

The consortium operates on the local, state, and federal levels, funding and supporting a wide range of programs. They have created a program that provides King County residents with protection from income discrimination. They have established funding for housing trust funds in Washington State that have contributed to the construction of thousands of low to moderate income homes. They have campaigned for changes to the federal tax code and other measures that seek to minimize roadblocks to home ownership nationwide. For the HDC, no challenge is too great or too small.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Housing Development Consortium on 30 years of exemplary service to their community. I look forward to the next three decades of service and progress.

RECOGNIZING CHEF MORRIS
SALERNO, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morris Salerno, owner of BISTECCA—An Italian Steakhouse, of High-

land Village, Texas as he returns from supporting the United States team as they competed for the title of Global Chef 2018. Morris assisted the United States team as Manager/Mentor for the team headed by Chef Patrick Mitchell at the Global Chefs Challenge in Kuala Lumpur earlier this month.

Held every two years, the competition, attended by chefs from more than 100 countries, was hosted at Asia on Plate—Worldchefs Congress & Expo 2018. The final competition required the preparation and presentation of a four-course menu of twelve servings within an allotted five hour time. Twenty teams, represented by a chef and an assistant, pitted their menu and preparation skills against each other for evaluation by a jury of senior judges representing the Worldchefs Culinary Committee. Chefs and their teams applied their own creative interpretations to a variety of assigned products and proteins from around the world. Each team was judged on five elements: Mise-En-Place, Professional Preparation, Service, Presentation and Taste.

As Manager/Mentor, Morris personally won a gold medal in the 2014 Expogast Culinary Competition in Luxembourg, and a bronze medal in the 2012 competition as part of Team Texas at the Culinary Olympics. Chef Mitchell also won a gold medal in 2014 at Luxembourg, resulting in two of the 14 total gold awards presented at the competition returning to Texas. In supporting Chef Mitchell as Manager/Mentor in preparation for Global Chef 2018, Morris provided not only his guidance and experience as an accomplished international culinary competitor, but also his time and talents in hosting fundraising dinners for the team's competition expenses.

I offer these comments in appreciation of Chef Salerno for his professionalism and support of the United States Team in Kuala Lumpur and other competitions abroad. I also want to recognize him for his years of service to the constituents and communities of the 26th District. Through his art, craft, and partnership with his brother Mike Salerno, North Texans have had the opportunity to enjoy world-class meals and service for more than 30 years at Highland Village's The Grotto and BISTECCA—An Italian Steakhouse and at the Flower Mound Salerno's. I thank Morris and all of the Salerno family for their service, and wish them success.

SUPPRESSION, SURVEILLANCE,
AND MASS DETENTION:
XINJIANG'S HUMAN RIGHTS CRI-
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HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we held a hearing at the Congressional-Executive Commission on China on the

human rights crisis in the Xinjiang province of China, which I co-chair. I commend Senator RUBIO for holding this hearing, as there is a dire need to shine a light on the stunning and outrageous detention of nearly one million Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities in Xinjiang.

What is clear from news reports is that Uyghurs are being detained in "reeducation centers" throughout Xinjiang. Those interned are being asked to renounce Islam, inform on their families for "extremism," and parrot their love for Xi Jinping and the Communist Party.

Whole families disappear, children are detained, students studying abroad and soccer players are detained because of their "foreign" contacts. There are reports of suicides and deaths and mistreatment in these detention centers.

Human rights champion Rebiya Kadeer's whole family—sons, daughters in law, grandchildren have disappeared. The disappearance of the families of other Uyghurs has also happened—like Radio Free Asia's heroic journalists.

It is mind-boggling. The Chinese government is constructing a high-tech police state in Xinjiang. The goal is to forcibly assimilate and "transform" entire ethnic minority populations.

All this is being done in the name of counter-terrorism and counter-extremism. But China's repression may just create the extremism that they fear.

Over the past year, the world has started to see too many comparisons between the Nazis and the current Chinese government.

For example, Liu Xiaobo was the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate to die in state custody since Carl Von Ossietzky died in Nazi custody.

Now nearly one million are detained in what should be called concentration camps—the largest jailing of an ethnic and religious minority maybe since the Holocaust, certainly since the apartheid days in South Africa.

"Reeducation" is certainly not a new tactic in China. Tibetans, Falun Gong and other dissidents have experienced "reeducation through labor"—but the size and scale of what is happening to the Uyghurs is audaciously repressive, even by China's low standards.

Where is the outrage? Where is the anger? I commend the State Department and Secretary Pompeo for their public statements. But why has the Organization of Islamic Cooperation been silent? What has Turkey and other Turkic nations been doing to address this issue?

Every business, non-governmental organization, academic, and government that interacts with the Chinese government and Communist Party risks its integrity by remaining silent.

There should be a concerted effort to convince the International Olympic Committee to consider whether the Olympic goal can be accomplished in 2022 if China maintains an apartheid-like police state that targets Muslim minorities.

How can any law firm or lobby shop shill for the government of China while Uyghurs are so brutally and forcefully assimilated? Or when

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